

Application No. 09/990,492
Amendment Dated March 18, 2004
In Reply to USPTO Office Action Dated March 2, 2004
PPG Docket No.: 1710A1/RC

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 22, 24-26, 30-31, 59 and 61. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 3-5, 9-16, 18-21, 54-58 and 60 are allowed.

Though Applicants do not acquiesce to the rejections, claims 22, 24-26, 30-31, 59 and 61 have been canceled herein to place the application in condition for allowance. Such cancellation is without prejudice or disclaimer, and Applicants expressly reserve the right to present the subject matter of the rejected claims in a continuation application.

In addition, claims 4 and 16 have been amended herein. Claim 4 has been amended to depend directly from independent claim 1, rather than canceled claim 2. Applicants submit that claim 4, as amended, is allowable for the same reasons that claim 1 is allowed. Claim 16 has been amended herein to remove the listing of specific acids. Those acids are included in the list recited in dependent claim 19. Because claim 16, as amended, contains all of the limitations of claim 1, Applicants submit that claim 16, as amended, is allowable for the same reasons that claim 1 is allowed.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendment and allowance of the application at an early date.

Respectfully Submitted,

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